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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TAF **ANIA AND NEW** **ZEALAND:**—DOM & GORDON, Melbourne and S.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSEN & Co., Malacca.

CHINA:—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co. Foochow, HEDDER & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH. Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—HON. W. KESWICK.
E. R. BELLILIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong,.....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai,.....EVEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 17th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BEBBERE, PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSILLAS, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW.

LONDON-BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.
E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Bank.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....£800,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£150,000.

BANKERS.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 3 " 2 per cent. " "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£933,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£465,250.
RESERVE FUND.....£20,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—39A, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS:—

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances; and on FIXED DEPOSITS according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

Entertainment.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

"THE SORCERER"

AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE,

On FRIDAY,

the 23rd January, at 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, on and after SATURDAY, the 17th Proximo.

W. WHEELER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 29, 1879. ja24

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the

GOLD MEDAL AT THE PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:
Quarts.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz.
Pints.....\$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe80

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.50.

"COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW," By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.
Hongkong, December 6, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS.

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL Office.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION. GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 13th January, at Noon, at his Auction Sales Rooms, Peddar's Wharf,—

1 case Silvered Plate Glass 70 x 50 inch.
1 " " " 50 x 40 "
1 " " " 48 x 36 "
1 " " " 40 x 30 "
1 " " " 30 x 22 "
1 " " " 24 x 18 "
4 Single and Double Perambulators.
An Invoice of Korosino Table and Hand Lamps.
1 case Lampwick.
1 case Magenta Dyes in bottles.
White and Plain Colored Flannel.
Fancy Flannel, Serge, Trowersings, Coatings, Tweeds, Turkish Towels, etc., etc.
2 cases Toilet Soap.
50 boxes Candles.
4 cases Hama.
10 cases Borden's Milk.
Morton's Assorted Stores.
4 cases Butter in tins.
15 cases Sardines.
4 cases Huntley & Palmer's Biscuits.
20 cases Safety Matches.
Rifles, Carbines, Revolvers, Cartridges, Glassware, Champagne, Whisky, Brandy, Beer, etc., etc.

Also,

1 Gold Hunting Watch, Keyless.
1 do. Open-faced do. do.
1 do. Patent Lever do.
2 Silver do. do.
A Quantity of Jewelry.
And a Variety of Other GOODS.
TERMS.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Jan. 10, 1880. ja13

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., to sell by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

FRIDAY,

the 16th of January, 1880, at 2 p.m., on Board—The

GERMAN BRIG "CARL," of 225 Registered Tons, as she now lies at anchor off Yow-mah-tee, with all her MASTS, SAILS, and INVENTORY, complete. For further Particulars, apply to Messrs Arnhold, Karberg & Co.; or, to the Auctioneer.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
F. RAPP,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1879. ja16

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr O. GRABE in our Firm CEASED, by Expiration of Contract, on the 31st of December, 1879.

Mr O. GRABE will Continue to Sign our Firm until 31st May of 1880.
Mr GUSTAV FISCHER has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this Date.

E. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, 1st of January, 1880. fe2

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr LEONHARD STAHL in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last. Mr F. C. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Pronunciation.

HESSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3sc80

Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned until Noon, on MONDAY, the 19th Instant, for the SUPPLY of FIREWOOD, LIME, FIRECLAY, BROOMS, BAMBOO BASKETS, CHARCOAL (Chinese), to H. M. Naval Yard. Further Particulars may be obtained on Application.
J. BRENNER,
Naval Storekeeper.
H. M.'s Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 9th January, 1880. ja19

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 50A, QUEEN'S ROAD, on FRIDAY, the 30th January instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja30

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja30

NOTICE.

DR. EASTLAKE has Returned from MANILA, and will Receive PATIENTS at his OFFICE, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880. fe2

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW. The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Captain ABERT, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, January 9, 1880. ja13

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "VENICE," P. RHODE, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY Next, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1880. ja17

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. The Steamship "SUZ," EATON, Commander, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 10, 1880. ja17

FOR AMOY. The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. TALBOT, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1880.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "GLENIFFER," Captain GRAHAM, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1880.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO. The Steamship "GLENLYLE," Capt. QUARTLY, shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 7, 1880.

FOR SHANGHAI. The Steamship "CLAYHOUSE," BROWN, Master, expected here on or about the 7th Inst. from Singapore, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1880.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "TEUCER," Capt. R. T. POWER, will be despatched on or about the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, January 6, 1880.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking off the usual Coast Ports, and rates for HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Company's Steamship "GLAUCUS," Captain T. JACKSON, will be despatched on or about the 17th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, January 8, 1880.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "MENNUIR" will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 24th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1880. ja24

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "MIDDLESEX," WALSH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 8, 1880.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "ALICE REED," KILLERAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1880.

FOR HAMBURG. The A 1 German Schooner "HARMONIE," SHIPFORTH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1880.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "R. ROBINSON," SMITH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1880.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship "SOUTHERN CROSS," GIBB, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 German Bark "FREDERICK PERTHES," WALTER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Barkentine "KATIE FLICKINGER," GILMAN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Schooner "MOSES B. TOWER," HALL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 26, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship "JOHN NICHOLSON," CAMPBELL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 24, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "WINLOW," BAKER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
 THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on THURSDAY, the 29th January, 1880, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, January 8, 1880. ja13

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
 THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th Instant, both days inclusive.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, January 8, 1880. ja13

NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.
 Shanghai, January 3, 1880.
 AN ELEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAKS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 12th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, 19th January.
 Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
 The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 19th January, inclusive.
 By Order,
 RUSSELL & Co.,
 Liquidators.
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NOTICE.
 THE Undersigned requests that All CLAIMS against the late Firm of COHEN & BEATON be sent to him on or before January 28th Inst.
 CHARLES C. COHEN.
 Hongkong, January 9, 1880. ja80

NOTICE.
 THE Business of HEINEMANN & Co., SHIP BROKERS, will, from the 1st January, 1880, be CARRIED ON under the Name of R. STELL.
 HEINEMANN & Co.
 Hongkong, December 31, 1879. ja31

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS.
 W. SPRATT & Co. have lately added an Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.
 The DIMENSIONS of the Dock are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft.
 Office, 20, PRINCE CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
 Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 40080

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
 PALMA, German barque, Capt. Binge.—Melchers & Co.
 Moses B. Tower, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh.—Borneo Company.
 GARIBOLDI, American barque, Capt. T. J. Forbes.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 PRINCE FREDERICK, British ship, Capt. John Clague.—Vogel & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.
HONGKONG TEMPERANCE HALL.
THE NEXT ENTERTAINMENT will be given on SATURDAY, THE 17TH JAN., 1880, AT 8.30 P.M.
 Under the Distinguished Patronage of COLONEL STUART, R.E., LIEUT. COLONEL HALL, R.A., and LIEUT. COLONEL GEDDES, 27th LANCESHIRE.
 AN EVENING IN FAIRYLAND with "PROFESSOR" Ilolo
 Who has kindly consented to appear, and will produce some new Illusions never before seen in the Colony.
 Prices.
 Front Seats, One Dollar.
 Second do. 50 Cents.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880. ja18

"OUR BOYS"
COMEDY COMPANY,
 will arrive per S.S. "Tracer" on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1880.
 The Company will have the honour of giving THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY in Hongkong prior to proceeding to Singapore. The FIRST PERFORMANCE will be the SPARKLING COMEDY, in Three Acts, "A LESSON IN LOVE."
 GEO. NORVILLE,
 Business Manager.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.,
 HAVE JUST LANDED FROM THE AMERICAN MAIL THE following STORES, in Excellent Condition:—
 Fresh Roll BUTTER.
 Finest Comb HONEY, in Frame.
 Do. Do. in Bottles.
 Fresh Apples.
 Dried Sliced Dittos.
 Boneless CODFISH.
 Georges Bank Do.
 Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.
 Mild California Do.
 Smoked SOLMON.
 Family Moss BEES, in 25 lbs. kegs.
 Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.
 Family PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.
 American HAMS.
 Do. BACON.
 CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED WHEAT.
 OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-WHEAT FLOUR.
 CORN BROOMS, CORN WISPS.
 Table FRUITS, Bartlett PEARS, APRICOTS, PEACHES.
 Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.
 APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.
 OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON, CLAMS.
 PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL NUTS.
 CREAM of TARTAR, SALERATUS.
 Meritt's Eastern CIDER.
 Winslow's Celebrated GREEN CORN.
 LIMA BEANS, SUCCATASE, SUGAR PEAS.
 CALIFORNIA CHICKEN CO.'S GINGER CAKES.
 MILK BISCUITS.
 ALPHABET BISCUITS.
 OYSTERS BISCUITS.
 WAFER BISCUITS.
 SODA BISCUITS.

Ex S.S. "GLENFINLAS," and Late Arrivals.
 SMYRNA FIGS.
 Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.
 JORDAN ALMONDS.
 Cooking and Table PRUNES.
 Pudding RAISINS and CURRANTS.
 Candied PEELS.
 MINCEMEAT in 1-lb. tins.
 VAN HOUTTE'S COCOA.
 CARAWAY SEEDS.
 SCHWEITZER'S COCOATINA.
 HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.
 WESTPHALIA, BOLOGNA, OXFORD, and TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.
 GAME PIES.
 Potted MEATS.
 Prime Yorkshire HAMS.
 Prime Wiltshire BACON in Tins & Canvases.
 OX-TONGUES in JELLY.
 TRUFFLES.

Champagne, &c.
 HENDRICK & Co.'s MONOPOLE, Pints and Quarts.
 ADOLPHE COLLIN'S BOUZY CABINET.
 MUMS (JULES) CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.
 NEYEN'S (BOUZY) BOUZY, Pts. and Qts.
 CHARLES HENDRICK'S WHITE SEAL, Pints and Quarts.
 VEUVE OLIVIER PONSARDIN, Pints and Quarts.
 THEOPHILE RODEBERT & Co.'s VERZENAY MOUSSEUX, Pints and Quarts.
 KAUF'S CHAMPAGNE, Pints and Quarts.
 PERRIER JOUET in Quarts.

Claret.
 THIBIEUX (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.
 CHATEAU LAROSE (CHATEAU & ADOLF), Pints and Quarts.
 CHATEAU LAFFITE, Pints and Quarts.
 IRES CHATEAU, Pints and Quarts.
 BREKAST CLARET, Pints and Quarts.
 OLD INVALID CLARET.
 St. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.
 Chabertin, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch, Hockheimer, Niersteimer, Steinberger Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Konig Victoria Berg, Chateau Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut Sauternes, Marsala, Sacconi's Pale Dry White Seal Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado Sherry, Invalid Port (1849), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.
 1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer & Co.'s Brandy, Ronyer Guillet & Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;
 Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recommended, Kinsman's L.L. Irish Whisky, Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal Glendee Whisky;
 AYH Gln, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom Gln; La Grande Chateausse, Green and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara, Curaçao, Pts. & Qts.; Angostura, Boker's and Orange Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAUNDERS, Pints and Quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURNS, Pints and Quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.
SHELTZ MILWAUKEE BEER, BUDWEISER BEER, BOCA BEER.
ALMON ALE, BLATZ MILWAUKEE BEER.

Ships' STORES of every description. Hemp and Cotton CANVASES. Ropes, Manila, and Wire ROPE. SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING promptly executed.

Specially Selected OIGARS.
 Princess OHEROOTS.
 Cavite OHEROOTS.
 Cavite OIGARS.
 Arcoeres OIGARS.
 Vagueros OIGARS.
 Choice No. 1 Fortin OIGARS in Boxes of 100.
 Choice No. 3 Meisig OHEROOTS.
 Choice No. 3 Fortin OIGARS.

New Season's PRESENT TEA, in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.
 The Steamship "CHINA," Captain ACKERMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 13th Inst., at 11 a.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to SIREMSEN & Co.,
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880. ja13

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.
 The British Steamer "KILLARNEY" will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at 5 p.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880. ja18

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.
FINAL DIVIDENDS for the Year 1878, viz., 15.5% per SHARE, 1% CONTRIBUTORY PREMIUM, are now Declared. Warrants will be Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, until which Date the Transfer BOOKS of the Company are Closed.
 By Order of the Court of Directors,
 J. KENNARD DAVIS,
 Acting Secretary.
 Shanghai, 7th January, 1880. ja19

FROM LONDON.
 THE S.S. Killarney having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 17th Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Goods will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given by Noon TO-DAY.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880. ja17

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.
TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. GAELIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, January 17th, 1880, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe. Consignees to be made at Yokohama, with steamers from Shanghai.
 Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 16th January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
 A REDUCTION is made on RETURN Passages TICKETS.
 Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
 For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
 G. B. EMORY, Agent.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1880. ja17

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 Jan. 11, 4.30 p.m., Hwai Yuen, Chinese steamer, 384, Wilson, Shanghai Jan. 8, 9.30 a.m., General.—O. M. S. N. Co.
 Jan. 11, 9.40 a.m., Hailong, British steamer, 277, F. P. O. Goode, Tamsui Jan. 7, 7.40 a.m., and Swatow 10, General.—DOUGLAS LAFFRAIE & Co.
 Jan. 11, Sunda, British steamer, 1000, A. Seaton, Yokohama Jan. 5, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 Jan. 11, China, German steamer, from Canton.
 Jan. 11, Killarney, British steamer, 1080, H. O'Neill, London Nov. 23, and Singapore Jan. 2, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Jan. 12, Kaiser-i-Hind, British steamer, 2569, E. Methven, Shanghai Jan. 9, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 Jan. 12, Emerald, British steamer, 395, R. Talbot, Manila Jan. 9, General.—RUSSELL & Co.
 Jan. 12, Hae-shin, Chinese steamer, 746, Gibbon, Haiphong Jan. 7, Pakhoi 8, and Hoihow 11, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.
 Jan. 11, Hainan, for Hoihow.
 11, Katie Flickinger, for San Francisco.
 11, Ningpo, for Canton.
 12, Hwai Yuen, for Canton.
 12, Pomperoy, for London.
 12, Archipel, for London, &c.

CLEARED.
 Kwangtung, for Coast Ports.
 China, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
 Per Hwai Yuen, from Shanghai, Messrs McDermott and Onn Hwai Shen, and 65 Chinese.
 Per Hailong, from Amoy, &c., Mr Orwig, 2 Europeans and 43 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.
 Per Sunda, from Yokohama, Hon. Sammarer, Dr. Koeniger, Messrs Isaac Ritchie, J. Antonio and Gibson, and 4 Chinese.
 Per Kaiser-i-Hind, Miss Allie Duncan, Capt. Bengelacke, Mr and Mrs White, Capt. Anderson, Messrs Nathan, Moses, Deering, Case, Bomanjee, McGregor, Hall, McMichael, Skelly, Sharp, and Broadhurst, and 16 Chinese.
 Per Emerald, from Manila, Bishop Raimond and servant, Capt. Watt of S. S. Komulau, and 89 Chinese.
 Per Hae-shin, from Haiphong, &c., Mr Von der Hyde, and 66 Chinese.

DEPARTURE.
 Per Archipel, for London, Miss Anderson, M.D., Capt. Hae-loop, Mr O. Brown and attendant, and Mr H. A. Brown.
 Per Hainan, for Hoihow, 47 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The Chinese steamer Hwai Yuen reports: Moderate Easterly winds and cloudy weather, leaving to the Hiehsan, thence to port strong N.E. winds with heavy sea and thick rainy weather.

The British steamer Hailong reports: Left Tamsui on Jan. 7th, experienced a fresh breeze and moderate sea crossing Formosa Channel, and arrived in Amoy on the 8th. In Amoy: S. S. Albany, H.M.S. Frolic, and German corvette Marie Louise. Left again on the 9th, had fresh gale, with drizzling rain and high sea down to Swatow, arrived on the 10th. In Swatow: S.S. Yeh-sen. Left again the same day had moderate breeze with thick rainy weather thence to port. Arrived at 9.40 a.m. Passed a steamer off Oniput Point bound to Northward, and Holt's Hector of Nine-pla.

The British steamer Kaiser-i-Hind reports: Strong monsoon and thick weather. On the 11th inst., passed French Mail bound to Shanghai.

The British steamer Emerald reports: Strong monsoon with thick rainy weather and high sea.

The Chinese steamer Hae-shin reports: Moderate N.E. gale with head sea and thick rainy weather.

CARGOES.

Per American ship Emerald Isle, sailed 18th December:—For New York, 2,578 bales Hemp, 4,000 pkgs. Fire Crackers, 4,700 boxes Cassia Ligna, 2,734 boxes Saigon Cassia, 4,967 bags Sugar, 1,516 bales Matting, 849 boxes Essential Oil, 216 bales Hides, 200 bales Camel's Hair, 100 boxes Palm Leaf Fans, 92 pkgs. Canees, 30 cases Cantharides, and 55 pkgs. Sundries.

Per British barque Queen of India, sailed 20th December:—For London, 3,062 boxes Cassia Ligna, 2,247 bags Sugar, 868 rolls Matting, 88 pkgs. Canees, 50 boxes Cassia Buds, 50 cases Preserves.

Per German brig August, sailed 3rd January:—For Hamburg, 3,235 boxes Cassia Ligna, 410 boxes Cassia Buds, and 310 Star Aniseed.

Per Danish barque Flensborg, sailed 3rd January:—For London, 2,200 boxes Cassia Ligna, 2,091 bags Sugar, 170 boxes Cassia Buds, 220 cases and 50 cases Preserved Ginger, 50 cases Soy, 40 cases Wines, and 161 bales Merchandise.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For NINGPO & SHANGHAI.—Per China, at 10.30 a.m. TO-morrow, the 13th Inst.

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, AND HIOGO.—Per Killarney, at 4.30 p.m. TO-morrow, the 13th Inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALCUTTA.—Per Venice and Suez, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th Inst.

For JAPAN via KOBE.—Per Sumida Maru, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 23rd Inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet Kaiser-i-Hind will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 14th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Peiho will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS FOR CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c. by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day of Departure.—
 5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes.
 5.30 P.M.—Post Office closes till 8 P.M., except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

8 P.M.—Post Office opens.
 9 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

10 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

10.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 16 cents until

10.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

10.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.
 Daylight.—Kwangtung leaves for Coast Ports.
 11 a.m.—China leaves for Ningpo, &c.
 5 p.m.—Killarney leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Auction.
 Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Mr G. R. Lamert, at his Sales Rooms.

Meeting.
 8.30 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 14:—
 Goods per Iracouddy undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

11 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, January 16:—
 2 p.m.—Auction of German brig Carl. Transfer Books of Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, closed from this date to 29th Instant.

SATURDAY, January 17:—
 3 p.m.—Venice and Suez leave for Singapore, &c.
 3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Goods per Killarney undelivered after this date subject to rent.
 Transfer Books of H. C. & M. Steamboat Co. closed from this date to 30th Instant, inclusive.

8.30 p.m.—Performance at the Temperance Hall.

MONDAY, January 19:—
 Noon.—Tenders for supply of Sundries, received by Naval Storekeeper.

TUESDAY, January 20:—
 Goods per Gaelic undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, January 21:—
 11 p.m.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, January 23:—
 9 p.m.—"Sorcerer" at the City Hall.

SATURDAY, January 24:—
 Daylight.—Mitsun Bishi Mail leaves for Yokohama via Kobe.
 Noon.—Mennuir leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, &c.

THURSDAY, January 29:—
 4 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. K. Hotel Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.

FRIDAY, January 30:—
 3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50A, Queen's Road.

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The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.
 Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

DEATH.

At Shanghai, on the 4th Instant, THOMAS MARSH EVERALL, the second and well-beloved son of Henry and Elizabeth Everall. Aged 6 years.

PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any other persons who may desire to consult the files of local, China, Japan, American, English, Indian or Australian newspapers, are invited to call at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies, from these countries, are from to-day filed for reference.
 Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1880.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.55 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 12, 1880.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Standard who has been making enquiries as to the condition, traffic and prospects of the Suez Canal, gives some valuable and interesting information which is not without importance to the Shipping Community of all nations. His figures are up to date, (surprisingly so when we consider that the official returns for 1878 were published only a very short time ago), and this of course gives them the greater value. On the returns for the nine months the total traffic for the year may be fairly estimated, and the comparison thus instituted will be precise enough for our argument. During the first nine months of the last three years the traffic has been, as is here shown:—

Years. Ships. Tonnage. Revenue.
 1877 1256 3,684,757 fr. 24,375,090
 1878 1205 2,463,308 23,308,172
 1879 1121 2,418,237 22,098,251.

The decrease for these three quarters of last year is therefore 84 vessels, 47,069 tons, and 1,210,921 fr. as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, and 135 vessels, 168,530 tons, and 2,276,839 fr. as compared with that of 1877. We may take the tonnage for the past year as 3,221,048, for there is nothing abnormally busy or slack in the Canal traffic during the last three months

of the year, the full traffic being in the past years with which we deal almost precisely what would have been anticipated from the returns for the nine months. The figures for the three years, then are as follows:—

1877 1878 1879
 3,418,949 3,284,408 3,221,048

This shows even to the most superficial observer that the prospects of the Canal are not improving. Something of this decrease may perhaps be properly attributable to the dullness of trade, but it is pointed out, this cause for decrease was in force to an equal degree two years ago when the Company's business was at its maximum. The only conclusion to be drawn is that the Canal traffic has reached the greatest degree of expansion which it is likely to attain.

Our business to-day is to explain the effect of this discovery on trade with the East by the Canal route. To begin with there is, fortunately, no fear of any such complications as would make the world lose any of the advantages of the great work which made Africa an island. The shareholders have no great reason to cower over their gains as yet, but that fact concerns them more than it interests the world in general. The dividend for 1878, (in which year the working expenses were but 5,256,663fr., equal to £211,026, as against a gross revenue of 31,098,229fr., or £1,243,929) was nominally but 1 1/2 per cent, and it is not likely to be larger for 1879, but it should be borne in mind that before any dividend is calculated the shareholders receive 5 per cent interest on the capital, which makes of course 1 1/2 per cent dividend equal in the ordinary meaning to 6 1/2 per cent. The point to which the minds of all interested in shipping will revert is the continuance at the present rate or otherwise of the surtax; and as few really carry in their heads the facts of this matter we may explain as briefly as possible.

The Constantinople Convention (1873) confirmed the 10 fr. per ton rate, and further made provision, seeing that that rate, with the amount of the then existing traffic, would not provide a sufficient revenue, for levying as a temporary expedient a surtax of 3fr. per ton. This surtax was to be decreased by 1fr. a ton as soon as the total net tonnage should equal 2,100,000 tons in any one year; by another 1fr. when the tonnage should amount to 2,200,000 tons; and so on by another 1fr. for each additional 100,000 tons, until the total tonnage should amount to 2,600,000 tons, when the surtax was to cease altogether. A reduction was made January 1st to 2fr. 50c, and another reduction would have come into effect on the first day of the following year but for the Convention made with Colonel Stokes, and approved by the Porte in 1877, by which, in return for the decrease to 2fr. being postponed till Jan. 1st last year (when it duly came into force), the Company pledged itself to expend 1,000,000fr. per annum for the next thirty years, in improving the Canal. By the same convention the further reductions were fixed irrespective of tonnage, for 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884—this last mentioned year being the one in which the surtax is to cease for ever. The surtax of 2fr. per ton, 1/2 cent 12c. (or 10c.) per ton in all, therefore continues this year, 1880. This surtax, it must be borne in mind, is not levied on vessels of war, transports, or troopships. There can be no doubt that the Stokes Convention, by fixing these dates for lessening and eventually removing the surtax, has brought it about earlier than we could under the Constantinople Convention have claimed it. The concession of these fixed dates would never have been allowed by the Company had there not been great confidence, now proved to have been misplaced, in the traffic of the Canal increasing from then at something like the same rate at which it had been increasing up to that date, that is at the rate of 300,000 tons yearly.

During the three years which have already passed of the thirty, the million francs has been annually spent on improvement works, although from the lessened traffic and profits last year and the year before it could not be spent out of the earnings of the Company and a loan of 27,000,000 francs had to be raised. The works to be accomplished by the expenditure of this money included enlargement of the "gates" or sills, the modification of some of the

the conclusion that these rates were illegally levied, the amount which the Company will be liable to refund, some 16 million francs in all, will place it in a very serious position. And in addition to this there is the million francs to be found every year for improvements. A time of difficulty is yet before the Company, but the Canal as the highway to India and the East must be upheld. During the nine months to which we have referred no fewer than 860 of the 1121 vessels that passed through the Canal, that is more than three-fourths of the whole, were under the British flag. Whether the final solution of the difficulty, the sole means of escape from the high-handed proceedings, and "the petty exactions and annoyances" with which the Canal Authorities have throughout so worried and disgusted their customers, will eventually be found in England taking over the whole concern and working it with a Council of friendly Powers, time only will show. We believe the scheme is feasible, and that there is a reasonable probability of its adoption sooner or later.

NEW YEAR MUSINGS.

"With business is the year auspiciously begun;
But every artist, soon as he has tried
To work a little, lays his work aside."

It may not be amiss for us who live in the midst of a mixed community, to take advantage of the interval which comes between the English and Chinese New Years for calling to mind some customs, old and new, connected with the occasion. Not that we can hope to say much that will be new on the subject; our apology is that here in the Far East few people can spare time enough to read up such books as have been written on this and kindred matters, while they do not miss a few moments spent over a newspaper article. Having "tried to work a little," we may afford ourselves some relaxation by laying our work aside and musing on the doings of our forefathers in the West and our neighbours in the East. Mirth and festivity seem from the earliest times to have associated themselves with the New Year. Amongst the Romans a festival known as *Compitalia* was observed at the kalends of January. It was annually celebrated a few days after the Saturnalia, when the god of Agriculture and Civilization was honoured with special gifts, and the ceremony of "ploughing the field" (a custom so well known in China, and which was observed on the first day of the solar new year) was performed. Though we now hear little of the old Was-sall Bowl, the custom of carrying it round has only been superseded by customs more in conformity with Christian tastes, and new year's gifts go in point of importance hand in hand with Christmas boxes. In New England, where certain old customs are clung to with greater tenacity than in the mother country, paying New Year calls is quite an institution. "This custom is of great antiquity and of widespread observance. The Chinese observe it to the present day, for to pay calls and make presents is considered lucky, and may result in good to the person during the coming year. The custom of presenting new year gifts is said to have been transmitted to our forefathers by the Romans, who called their presents *strenae*. The word means a sign or omen, and gifts were therefore signs of good feeling as well as omens of good fortune. There is a tradition that branches of trees cut from the groves sacred to the goddess Strenia were presented to one of the early kings of the Sabines on new year's day as an omen of good or strength, and hence the observance of the custom. We may here remark that there are certain trees, the boughs of which are largely sought after by the Chinese at their new year. Among the French the custom of giving and receiving gifts at new year has also been received from their Latin forefathers, and hence the name *Etrenee*, New Year's gift, from *strenae*. We are told that the ancient Druids were in the habit of cutting down the mistletoe at new year and sending it round to the people, as possessing exceptional virtue. There have not been wanting persons who condemn these practices as heathenish, and there can be no doubt that a few centuries ago the custom was attended by many practices prejudicial to the morals of the English people. We may notice one custom formerly observed in Great Britain which has had its counterpart in China ever since the days of Confucius. We refer to the custom of paying fees to the schoolmaster on opening school at new year. From the Confucian Analects (Legge, p. 61) we learn that "it was the rule anciently that when one party waited on another he should carry some present or offering with him. Pupils did so when they first waited on their teacher." Then in later times the custom grew up of making these presents at the New Year, because it was usual for scholars to begin their studies at that season, as being fortunate for undertaking any new thing. It is well known that great interest is taken in the weather on such important occasions as these. There is an old saying that

"If the grass grows in January,
It grows the worse for't all the year."

Similarly there are certain days about the time of the Chinese new year, as for example the 7th day of the first month, when, if it rains, it is believed by many that the year will witness an unwonted number of deaths. At this season of the year it is generally fair bright weather in South China, and a fine day is as much coveted by a Chinese bride and bridegroom as by any of our most solicitous Westerners. It is popularly believed that if rain falls on the wedding day one will speedily die; if the wind rises they will soon become poor. The occasion of the Chinese New Year may afford us opportunity for dwelling more at large on some customs and superstitions specially connected with that people.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The ENGLISH MAIL is now due by the P. & O. steamer *Geelong*, which left Singapore on the morning of the 6th. She brings London dates to Dec. 6th.

THE O. & S. S. *Gas* went over to the Cosmopolitan Docks to-day to have her new propeller and shaft put in, and be cleaned and painted.

THE names of the yachts taking part in the race on Saturday were wrongly given in our last issue. For *Naiad* and *Ariel* read *Naiad* and *Naomi*. Much disappointment was caused by the *Ariel* not starting, after some delay had been occasioned, but there was a heavy sea on at the time, on account of which it was considered advisable not to send her out. This heavy sea cleared away soon, and it was seen that she might have gone; but there was no seeming chance of this at the time of the start.

A WASHINGTON telegram published in the *Alta California* states that, on the 3rd December, Representative Hunton offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of State for a copy of all correspondence between the State Department and J. S. Mosby, relative to the Consulate at Hongkong. The resolution was adopted.

THE P. & M. Steamer *City of Tokio* is stated to have left San Francisco on December 27th for Yokohama and Hongkong.

THE M. B. M. S. S. Co.'s barque *Sumanoura-Maru* has made the fastest time on record between Nagasaki and Yokohama, viz. 2 days and 23 hours.

THE S. S. *Glenorchy*, left Yokohama on Saturday morning at 7.15, and arrived in Hio at noon on Sunday, thus making the run of 349 nautical miles in 22½ hours, or an average speed of 12½ nautical miles per hour. This is good time considering the bad weather which she must have experienced outside as well as a strong current against her. (We *Japan Gazette*) shall be glad to see this fine steamer again to the fore next season should she compete for the ocean race to New York.

SOME wag in Shanghai thus circulated the demise of the Steamer *Combination* :—

"Died, at Shanghai, on the 4th January, 1880, the UNHOLY ALLIANCE. 'Conceived in error, born in error, died in error.' Deeply regretted by those only most interested."

"Volunteers from the principal Steamers in port will attend the funeral at midnight, near the Club. The Agents of the Alliance Steamers will be present as Chief Mourners, and are expected to give an address to the assembled mourners on the weakness of Conference principles."

In connection more with our editorial reference to the Suez Canal management, on the 17th ult., than with our remarks of to-day, the following from the *Alexandria* correspondent of the *Standard* is worth giving :—

Unfortunately, the Company has from the first not acted in a way to obtain much sympathy from the Shipowning community. The arbitrary raising of the dues in 1872, and the resistance made to the decision of the Porto when the Company was shown to be in the wrong, are matters of history. But, apart from this, there are many petty exactions and annoyances by which Shipowners have been harassed and irritated; vexatious and unnecessary delays have occurred in the transit, and favouritism has been shown to vessels of one nationality over those of others. The special Canal certificate recommended by the Commission, and declared to be conclusive as to the amount of a vessel's tonnage, has also been ignored over and over again by the Company, which persists in re-measuring the ships, and levying the dues according to the result. Between April and December, 1874, 145 vessels were thus re-measured, though provided with a special certificate, and the practice has, in spite of all remonstrances, continued in a greater or less degree ever since. One instance of this occurred in the case of one of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamers only three weeks ago, which had, *nolens volens*, to pay at the Canal Company's estimate before she could enter the Canal. The "Reglements de Navigation," too, are drawn up in the most one-sided manner, and contain provisions the legality of which is more than doubtful. Though Shipowners, as a rule, prefer to submit to these inconveniences rather than embark in litigation, they nevertheless create a feeling of discontent which ought not to exist towards the authors of a work which has done so much to benefit the commerce of the world.

We read this in an American paper :—

Mr. Frederick Seward, Assistant Secretary of State, and son of the eminent Minister, who assisted Lincoln to conquer the Southern rebellion, has handed in his resignation, in order that he may devote his whole time to the care of his wife's health, who has never recovered from the nervous affection caused by the shock she received at the time of the attempted murder of her father-in-law and husband by the assassin Payne, in 1865, on the same day as the murder of Lincoln himself.

While sorry enough to read of Mrs. Seward's illness, we may be excused for sympathetically doubting whether it has anything to do with the Assistant Secretary of State's resignation. We have all along known and have stated the real reason for that etc. It cannot be more plainly or correctly put than in this cutting from a Philadelphia paper :—

Washington, Nov. 16.—Now that the matter is out it is not a breach of confidence to make public the fact that the resignation of Assistant Secretary of State Seward is the result of a big misunderstanding between Mr. Seward and Mr. Seward, arising out of the unfortunate state of affairs in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Consularships, and the Consul Generalship at the latter place. Mr. Seward's long and intimate political and social connection with Wm. B. Seward made it difficult for

him to believe that the charges made against his nephew, Minister George F. Seward, had any foundation in fact.

Assistant Secretary Seward took advantage of Mr. Seward's confidence in the family and did what he could to shield his cousin when he and Consul General Bradford were before the Congressional investigating committee last winter. There is no question that the Assistant Secretary was the active man in the State Department in shielding the too evidently guilty Minister and his associate. The former's refusal to produce his books was one of the things that began to open Mr. Seward's eyes to the true state of the case. Then followed Consul Mosby's voluntary investigation and his report, and trouble began to brew in the State Department, and then came Grant's assertion concerning the officials. This trouble has now culminated in the resignation of Assistant Secretary Seward and the resignation of Minister George F. Seward, and those of Bradford and Baily, Consul General and Consul at Shanghai, are expected. The whole affair is most unfortunate, and the weakness of the State Department, arising largely from the misunderstandings among its principal officers, has brought a good deal of scandal upon the administration. No one doubted the guilt of Seward the moment he refused to produce his consular books before the investigating committee, and every investigation, from Mosby's to Grant's, has only corroborated the already prevailing impression.

With regard to the above, we note the official announcement of the appointment of Colonel Hay as Assistant Secretary of State by Messrs. Hayes and Evarts to succeed Mr. Seward. Colonel Hay was President Lincoln's Private Secretary. He has already given numerous proofs of his great capacity for the performance of the difficult duties devolving upon him, in which he will need to make use of his thorough familiarity with all domestic and foreign matters concerning the United States. We note also that Mr. Frederick W. Seward, ex-Assistant Secretary of State, will return to Auburn, N.Y., and there complete the biography of his father.

Speaking of the new Assistant Secretary, the *Washington* correspondent of the *Philadelphia Times* says :—

Colonel John Hay is a native of Indiana and was born in 1840. He studied law in Springfield, Ill., for two years, and there made the acquaintance of Mr. Lincoln, whom he accompanied to Washington at the time of his inauguration. He remained with the president as Assistant Private Secretary until 1863, when he joined General Hunter in South Carolina, as aide-de-camp. He was appointed as Assistant Adjutant General in 1863, and assigned first to the staff of General Gillmore, and afterward ordered to duty at the White House where he remained until Mr. Lincoln's death. He was promoted to the grade of colonel, and given leave of absence to accept the position of Secretary of Legation in Paris. He remained there nearly two years, when he returned to the United States. But after a short stay at home he again went abroad—this time under Siskias as Secretary of Legation to the Court of Madrid. While there he wrote a series of attractive papers for the *Atlantic Monthly*, which, after his return, were published under the title of "Castilian Days." "Banty Tim," "Little Breaches," and other poems have made him popular with a less critical audience. While in Spain and after his return he translated Castellar's articles on Spanish republicanism for *Harpers Magazine*, and for three years he was the leading editorial writer on the New York *Tribune*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

Monday, Jan. 12.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

Wong Aying, 22, a coolie, was charged with embezzling \$1 from his master, Mr. Boaventura Francisco dos Remedios.

This was a most impudent robbery. Defendant had only been in the employment of Mr. Remedios one day. He was sent to the market to make some purchases, and for that purpose he was entrusted with a dollar. He was away a most unreasonable time, and on his return he neither had the provisions he was sent for nor the money.

Defendant admitted the charge, and said he lost the money by gambling.

His Worship sentenced prisoner to five weeks' imprisonment, the first and last ten days to be in solitary confinement, the remainder with hard labor.

A STRAGGLER.

Henry Brown, 55, of the U. S. Frigate *Richmond*, admitted being a straggler from his ship, asked to be sent on board his ship.

CONSTABLE DRUNK AND ABSENT FROM DUTY.

Donald McDonald, P. O. No. 84, one of the new policemen, pleaded guilty to being drunk and absent from duty on the 9th instant. He had also assaulted P. S. No. 99, Pang Aloi.

Defendant was fined \$25, in default of payment fourteen days' imprisonment.

LARCENY.

Wong Achong, 36, a coolie employed at the Sugar Refinery, was charged with the larceny of a quantity of sugar on the evening of the 10th instant.

Defendant with others is employed carrying sugar from the works to boats on the Praya. On the evening in question it was noticed that the pair, upon which he carried the bamboo on his shoulder, was very bulky. On examination it was found to contain one and three quarter pounds of sugar, the property of the Company.

Defendant stated that he had about two taels of sugar to apply to a sore foot, and that the watchman picked up a large piece and accused him of theft.

Prisoner was sentenced to twenty one days' imprisonment with hard labor and ordered to be exposed in the stocks at the Refinery for two hours.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunkett.)

BREACH OF THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

Lee Aton, 33, a pig dealer, was charged with being in possession of a quantity of prepared opium contrary to the Opium Ordinance of 1876.

Mr. Sharp appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Wotton for the defence.

Evidence was led to the effect that the prisoner was found in charge of the house and that he had in his possession keys that opened the boxes in which the opium was deposited.

As the case seemed to involve a prolonged enquiry, His Worship, with the consent of the Solicitors in the case, remanded the case till Wednesday next, bail being accepted in \$200.

Amoy.

9th January.

Our Races went off to-day (first day) very well—as we had fine weather, a good attendance of ladies, and other favourable conditions. Four races were carried off by the E-kee Stable, and three by an enterprising "Joek" from Formosa (Mr. Brennan), who hauled off the St. Andrew's Cup very nicely. His pony *Ilo* is very fast, and is likely to prove troublesome in the next two days' ventures.

A good deal of quiet festivity has been going on, but not nearly so much as during past seasons. There will probably be a Race Ball, if ladies enough can be mastered; and we are promised private theatricals by the A.D.C. next week. There is also the Freemasons' Ball in their new and tasteful Hall, which comes off during the week following.

The Tea season being over, Chaaees are fitting off to see their (this year not enraged) constituents, and to arrange for the carriage of the coming season. Some people are wondering now that so much money has been made, why shares do not go up more, but this being one of the things "no fellow can understand," perhaps the best thing to do is to cease wondering and take what fortune the gods send us.

The Bank buildings are slowly emerging from the water, and the new Bank will be an ornament rather, if the Municipal Council will only make a road to it, which they can only do by pulling down that absurd "Bund House," which blocks up the way. Otherwise financial people, at high tide, will have to go through the maze of the Hai Kwan's Yamen, which is filled with wofish curs always ready to put their fangs into the calf of any passer-by unprovided with a stout cudgel. This will be indeed "banking under difficulties."

The German man-of-war *Luise* is still here, and their Band are great favourites at the Race-course with all but the horses. There are no accidents to report however, to either horses or riders, and everything is *coulour de rose*.

10th January.

The Second Day's Races passed off very successfully, and the wins are well divided. The events were mainly won by Mr. Vincent (Brenan), Mr. E. Pye, and Harkway (Mr. Harkness). There were fortunately no accidents to record.

Manila.

(Translated from our Exchanges.)

The appointment of Sr. Primo de Rivera as Captain General of the Philippines was to be published in the *Gaceta* of Madrid about the end of last December.

In a conference between Marquis de Campo (the contractor for the Philippine mail) and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the contractor said that his steamers will call at Corunna, Valencia and Barcelona, staying at the last-named port 48 hours to load and discharge cargo.

A notable coincidence is observed in the fact that a destructive typhoon occurred at Panama on the 20th Nov. last, causing great damage and loss of vessels at the same time Manila was visited by that phenomenon.

The office of the late Messrs Russell and Sturges, now in liquidation, was sold on the 20th ult. for \$71,000, to Don Manuel Perez; the upset price was \$66,500.

A fire broke out in the district of San Miguel, Manila, and about sixty houses were reduced to ashes, of which three were protected by zinc roofs. The foreign residents, and the crews of the various ships in harbor, gave prompt and valuable assistance, and owing to their aid the fire was prevented from spreading.

The steamer *Emeralda*, arrived on the 7th, from Hongkong, brought \$315,476 in silver.

There were imported into these islands during the 2nd fortnight of December last 485,600 dollars' worth in Spanish silver coins, and exported during the same period 650 dollars' worth of gold in bullion.

The sum collected at the Manila Customs during the month of December last amounted to \$127,657.16, as against \$118,808.60 same time last year; being \$8,848.56 over that of the previous year.

The British barque *Gartmore*, Captain Elwood, arrived at Manila on the Dec. 31, 6 days from Hongkong.

The British ship *Thomas Bell* left Manila for San Francisco on the 31st Dec.

The British barque *Glenavon* has been chartered for Liverpool at \$210 for dry sugar, and \$317 6d. for hemp; the American barque *Ned-White* has been chartered for New York at \$10 for dry sugar; the American ship *R. K. Thomas* has been chartered for New York at \$3.50 for 4 bales hemp.

The British barque *Sta. Rosa*, Captain Aroher, arrived at Manila on the 2nd Jan., 17 days from Hio.

The German barque *Hongkong*, Captain Oom, arrived at Manila on the 2nd Jan., 8 days from Hongkong; she left again for Leguminoc and Hongkong on the 8th.

The British barque *Glenoe*, Captain Lamont, arrived at Manila on 2nd Jan., 60 days from Queensland.

The German barque *H. Prinsenberg* left Manila on the 2nd Jan., for Falmouth.

The American ship *Yporktown*, Captain Murphy, arrived at Manila on the 6th Jan., 6 days from Hongkong.

The British steamer *Merionethshire*, Capt. Rieard, arrived at Manila on the 6th Jan., 3 days from Hongkong.

China.

(Herald, Dec. 31.)

H.B.M.'s gunboat *Lapwing* arrived from Tamsui and Keelung on the 28th instant, and is now anchored off the Foreign Settlement.

The Fancy Dress Ball, to be given by the bachelor members of the Club on Monday next, is expected to be a great success. Extensive preparations of costume

are in progress; and the tailors are reaping a small harvest.

Tea.—Transactions have been unimportant, at about former rates. The stock is now reduced to about 800 chests, and a further possible addition of 1,000 chests will probably terminate the season's supply. There will not be any further issue of this report until the beginning of next season.

Settlements of *Congou* from 24th to 29th inst.—1,106 chests, at Tls. 104 a 184 per picul, (short).

Total arrivals of *Congou*, 729,600 chests. " settlements 728,724 "

Stock, 776
Total arrivals of *Sonchong*, 88,600 chests. " settlements 88,600 "

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Total arrivals of *Oolong*, 25,800 chests. " settlements 25,800 "

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Total arrivals of *Fl. Pekoe*, 4,773 chests. " settlements 4,773 "

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Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
KAISAR-I-HIND, Capt. MATHUR, will
leave this on WEDNESDAY, the 14th
Instant, at 11 p.m.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 6, 1880. ja15

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, COLOMBO, MAHE, ST.
DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st January,
1880, at 11 p.m., the Company's
S. S. PEIHO, Commandant PASQUALINI,
with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPELLE,
AND CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
10 a.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
Noon, Specie and Parcels until 2 p.m. on
the 21st January, 1880. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1880. ja22

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain
HUBERT, due here on or about the
19th Instant, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 24th Jan., at Day-
light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 23rd January.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE.....Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15.
" YOKOHAMA & NAGASAKI.....Do. \$75. Do. \$20.
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN
PASSAGES.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's OFFICES, 40, 42, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL.

Hongkong, January 10, 1880. ja24

Notices to Consignees.

OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship
GALLIC are hereby notified that
their Goods are being landed and stored at
their risk in the Company's Godowns, at
West Point, whence and/or from Wharves
or Boats delivery may be obtained, on
counter-signature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the
20th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1880. ja16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Euphrate, from London, in connec-
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before TO-DAY at 1 p.m., requesting
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WED-
NESDAY, the 14th Inst., at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 7, 1880. ja14

Intimations.

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

MR. J. F. SHUSTER begs to announce
that he carries on from this Date
the above Establishment, as a First-Class
HOTEL. The House is now being THOROUGHLY
RENOVATED and RE-FURNISHED. Mr. SHUSTER
hopes by strict attention to Business, and by
supplying the Best of Liquors, to merit a share of
Public Patronage. The house has ample accommo-
dation for BOARDERS, who will meet with every
comfort. The Table will be of the Best and the
Charges strictly Moderate. The Proprietor will be
at all times ready to supply PICNIC PARTIES and to provide
DINNERS for PARTIES of Six and upwards on
very REASONABLE TERMS.

TWO NEW BOWLING ALLEYS HAVE
BEEN LAID.

English and American
BILLIARD TABLES.

TIFFIN AT ONE; DINNER AT SEVEN.

WINE AND SPIRITS
OF THE BEST QUALITY.

ORIENTAL HOTEL,
J. F. SHUSTER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, November 5, 1879. tt

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, December 20, 1879. ja20

TO LET.

TO BE LET, FURNISHED, from 1st
February next, "EXCELSIOR,"
ROBINSON ROAD. On view by appointment.

EDMUND SHARP,
Supreme Court House.

Hongkong, December 29, 1879.

TO LET.

FOUR-STORY HOUSES in Holly-
wood Road.
A HOUSE in Lyndhurst Terrace.

Apply to

E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, December 27, 1879.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS STONE FLOORED GO-
DOWN, Situated upon MARINE LOT
10. Possession from 1st December next.

Also, the TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and
16, Stanley Street, now in the occupation
of the TEMPERANCE HALL. Possession
from 1st December.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE in
GODOWNS in PEDDAR'S WHARF
BUILDINGS, at Moderate Terms.

Apply to

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, August 9, 1879.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS
GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

INSURANCES.

SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE
COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at
Current Rates. Considerable Reduc-
tion in Premium for LIFE Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1879. 2ja80

SWISS LLOYD
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 3ja80

YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 205,370

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATION, 25th
April, 1879.....Tls. 856,370

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. WM. MEYERINK, Esq.
C. LUGAZ, Esq. S. D. WEBB, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs BAKING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

FULLARTON HENDERSON, Esq.,
Agent.

8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 % for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premium
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. 10080

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saidon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the
Shipping midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

| Vessel's Name. | Anchor- age. | Captain. | Flag and Rig. | Tons. | Date of Arrival. | Consignees or Agents. | Destination. | Remarks. |
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| Steamers | | | | | | | | |
| Anchises | 4 | c Jackson | Brit. str | 1304 | Jan. 10 | Butterfield & Swire | London, &c. | To-day |
| China | 5 | c Alderton | Brit. str. | 1070 | Dec. 28 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Yokohama | Mails |
| China | 5 | c Ackermann | Ger. str. | 648 | Jan. 11 | Stemsen & Co. | Ningpo & Shanghai | To-morrow |
| Emeralda | 5 | b Talbot | Brit. str. | 395 | Jan. 12 | Russell & Co. | Amoy | |
| Fame | 5 | b Stopani | Brit. str. | 117 | Jan. 10 | H. K. & W'poo Dock Co. | | Tug Flying |
| Gaelic | 5 | c Kidley | Brit. str. | 1712 | Jan. 9 | O. & O. S. S. Co. | Y'ham & San F'choo | 14th inst. |
| Hailong | 5 | b Goodie | Brit. str. | 277 | Jan. 11 | Douglas Laprak & Co. | Amoy, &c. | |
| Hae-shin | 5 | c Gibbon | Chi. str. | 746 | Jan. 12 | C. M. S. N. Co. | Hoihow & Haiphong | |
| Kaisar-i-Hind | 5 | c Methven | Brit. str. | 2559 | Jan. 12 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Europe, &c. | 14th inst. |
| Kilmarney | 5 | c O'Neill | Brit. str. | 1060 | Jan. 11 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | Shanghai, &c. | To-morrow |
| Kwangtung | 5 | c Abbott | Brit. str. | 674 | Jan. 9 | Douglas Laprak & Co. | Coast Ports | at daylight |
| Monmuir | 5 | c Ellis | Brit. str. | 1247 | Jan. 9 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | Australian Ports | 24th inst. |
| Norna | 5 | c Love | Brit. str. | 606 | May 31 | Kwok Acheong | | Co'stan Inst. |
| Paladin | 5 | c Parkes | Brit. str. | 897 | Jan. 10 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | Nagasaki | |
| Sea Gull | 5 | c Haydon | Amer. str. | 48 | Mar. 24 | China Traders' Insurance Co. | | |
| Suez | 5 | c Eaton | Brit. str. | 1390 | Jan. 3 | David Sassoon, Sons & Co. | S'pore, Calcutta, &c. | 17th, 3 p.m. |
| Sunda | 5 | c Reeves | Brit. str. | 1000 | Jan. 11 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Yokohama | Mails |
| Swatow | 5 | c Hutcheson | Brit. str. | 820 | Jan. 4 | Butterfield & Swire | | K'loon Dock |
| Thales | 7 | c Peters | Brit. str. | 820 | Dec. 26 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Venice | 7 | c Rhode | Brit. str. | 1271 | Jan. 4 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | S'pore, Calcutta, &c. | 17th, 3 p.m. |
| Sailing Vessels | | | | | | | | |
| Alden Bess | 4 | k Noyes | Amer. bq. | 842 | Dec. 16 | Rozario & Co. | Portland | |
| Allice Reed | 4 | k Killoran | Amer. bq. | 873 | Dec. 6 | Vogel & Co. | New York | |
| Bonito | 4 | c Wesenberg | Ger. bq. | 524 | Dec. 12 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | Havre | |
| Bus Caso | 2 | c Lange | Slam. bq. | 338 | Jan. 2 | Chinese | | For Sale |
| Carl | 4 | c Thomsen | Ger. bq. | 225 | Dec. 20 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Chamron Kamrye | 2 | b Stolze | Slam. bq. | 480 | Dec. 15 | Xuen Fat Hong | | For Sale |
| Chomora | 4 | k Kennett | Brit. bq. | 284 | July 21 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | | |
| City of Boston | 8 | c Crosby | Amer. sh. | 1062 | Dec. 18 | Vogel & Co. | New York | |
| Claro Babyan | 4 | c Olson | Brit. bq. | 358 | Nov. 29 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Duke of Abercorn | 8 | c Binnie | Brit. sh. | 1049 | Jan. 9 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | | |
| Elizabeth Ohids | 3 | c Lindbergh | Brit. bq. | 391 | Nov. 9 | Vogel & Co. | | |
| Empire | 7 | c Leckie | Amer. sh. | 1131 | Dec. 5 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | Zebu | |
| Emulation | 8 | c Gunn | Brit. bq. | 391 | Jan. 8 | Wieler & Co. | New York | |
| Frederick Perthes | 5 | c Walter | Ger. bq. | 446 | Nov. 29 | Russell & Co. | | |
| Garibaldi | 8 | c Forbes | Amer. bq. | 670 | Dec. 24 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Goliath | 2 | c Dentzau | Slam. bq. | 542 | Nov. 20 | Wo Tye Hong | | |
| Harmonte | 5 | k Schliphorst | Ger. sch. | 241 | Nov. 26 | Vogel & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Haydn Brown | 7 | c Havener | Amer. bq. | 865 | Dec. 11 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| Hazel Home | 3 | k Millican | Brit. bq. | 405 | Oct. 20 | Vogel & Co. | | |
| Hermine | 2 | c Counzrau | Swed. bq. | 289 | Dec. 26 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | | |
| Hermine | 4 | c Meyer | Ger. bq. | 350 | Jan. 9 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | | |
| Hesperus | 7 | c Specht | Ger. bq. | 767 | Dec. 20 | Stemsen & Co. | | |
| Higlander | 4 | k Hutcheson | Amer. sh. | 1353 | June 19 | Vogel & Co. | | |
| Hindoo | 5 | c Matthiessen | Ger. bq. | 541 | Dec. 26 | Wieler & Co. | Philippines | |
| John Nicholson | 7 | c Campbell | Brit. sh. | 685 | Dec. 9 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Marco Polo | 3 | k Breckwoldt | Ger. bq. | 355 | Jan. 10 | Carlowitz & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Middlesex | 7 | c Walsh | Brit. sh. | 1191 | Dec. 12 | Russell & Co. | San Francisco | |
| Morning Star | 2 | b Michalsen | Slam. bq. | 670 | Dec. 27 | Chinese | | |
| Moses B. Tower | 8 | c Hall | Am.bk.tine | 637 | Nov. 30 | Vogel & Co. | New York | |
| Palma | 4 | c Binge | Ger. bq. | 239 | Nov. 12 | Vogel & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Pampero | 8 | c McKenzie | Brit. bq. | 558 | Nov. 17 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | London | Cleared |
| Papa | 5 | c Bannau | Ger. bq. | 345 | Dec. 28 | Carlowitz & Co. | | |
| Prince Frederick | 4 | c Clague | Brit. sh. | 200 | Dec. 29 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Roderick Hay | 6 | k Nicolson | Brit. bq. | 884 | Dec. 11 | Turner & Co. | Thiatin | |
| Saml. D. Carleton | 7 | c Freeman | Amer. bq. | 203 | Dec. 26 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Sophie | 4 | c Bang | Ger. bg. | 1120 | Nov. 15 | Russell & Co. | Hamburg | |
| Southern Cross | 7 | b Gibb | Amer. sh. | 81 | Aug. 27 | W. H. Ray | San Francisco | |
| Spartan | 8 | k Vincent | Amer. sch. | 1090 | Sept. 5 | Russell & Co. | | |
| Sumatra | 3 | k O'ough | Amer. sh. | 466 | Nov. 28 | Vogel & Co. | London | |
| Winlow | 4 | k Barker | Brit. bq. | | | | | |
| WHAMPOA | | | | | | | | |
| Fantaisie | | Cooper | Brit. bq. | 693 | Dec. 15 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | London | |
| Heapsia | | Johannsen | Ger. str. | 1136 | Jan. 9 | Stemsen & Co. | Shanghai | |
| CANTON | | | | | | | | |
| Chinkiang | | Orr | Brit. str. | 799 | Jan. 9 | Stemsen & Co. | Shanghai | |
| Fung-shui | | Andrew | Chi. str. | 863 | Jan. 8 | M. S. N. S. Co. | Shanghai | |
| Hwai Yuen | | Wilson | Chi. str. | 984 | Jan. 12 | M. S. N. S. Co. | Shanghai | |
| | | Car | Brit. str. | 761 | Jan. 11 | Stemsen & Co. | Shanghai | |